



February 12 Community Meeting

MONSIGNOR UYEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

What you told us you like about the plans for the refurbished OLOF site...

- Bigger gym and fold-down stage
- More natural light
- New walls in classrooms
- New front entrance
- Size of the school and yard
- Library
- Windows into gym
- Air Conditioning
- Flow
- Yard
- Environmental Impact
- Modern/clean feel and look
- Will be consistent with new builds
- Open learning space in library

What you told us you are wondering about; and the answers to your questions...

Are there bathroom upgrades planned?

Yes, all bathrooms will be renovated and upgraded.

What does the new HVAC entail – heat pumps/chiller?

The new mechanical system will include:

- *High efficiency water source heat pumps for each classroom;*
- *Hot water perimeter heating for large glazing areas, single occupant offices, vestibules;*
- *Dedicated outside air system;*
- *Demand control ventilation for areas with variable high density occupancy;*
- *New fluid cooler and building exhaust, for improved cooler effectiveness;*
- *Fully enabled Building Management System*

Will the new windows open?

Windows will be operable, which allow staff to open and close their windows.

Will the new windows be bigger to allow more natural light into the classrooms?

The windows will be the same size as the current window opening. The window replacement entails removing the existing unit and replacing it with an energy efficient fiberglass double pane glazing unit.

Spiritual Space – where will it be located?

The newly created main atrium will be used as the spiritual space for the school. Each classroom will also have prayer tables and spiritual space.

What does the playground look like?

The existing playground is the largest yard in our system, containing both paved and unpaved play spaces. The school yard has a perimeter fence, mature landscaping, soccer, basketball, bench seating, play equipment, large engineered wood chip area and line painting on asphalt.

Does this building have asbestos in it?

There is asbestos in the original portion of the building. Existing non-friable vinyl floor tiles contain asbestos along with a small amount of piping elbows located above the ceiling space. With the building upgrade, all asbestos flooring and pipe elbows will be removed and disposed of properly to allow for new flooring and mechanical system. The 1988 addition is free of asbestos.

What is the contingency plan if the renovation work is not done on time?

The staff and students will remain in the current Monsignor Uyen facility.

What kind of technology will be included? Will there be SMART Boards?

The school will be appropriately equipped with technology to support 21st Century learners. The SMART Boards recently added to Monsignor Uyen could be moved to the new location.

Is there a kitchen space for the Wellness Program?

Yes, there is access to a kitchen.

Where does the funding for this project come from? Is it separate from the budget for the two new schools?

The upgrades at the OLOF site are being funded by School Condition Improvement, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding and Community Hub Funding. The two new elementary schools are funded separately, through Capital Priorities Funding.

Should the move-in date be pushed to September 2020?

This is a consideration and conversations will take place with the Uyen staff and community.

Will Medical rooms/clinical room space be in close proximity to office?

There is currently no specific space identified at OLOF as a medical room/clinical space. Multi-purpose spaces are located throughout the school.

Will student break rooms have windows?

Student break room locations have not been finalized, but if they're located in an interior space there will be no windows added.

Will there be a walking track?

There are no plans to add a walking track at this time. The school would need to fundraise for such a project.

Will there be skylights?

There are no plans to add skylights. Skylights are prone to water infiltration and not ideal for use in a school.

EDI vulnerabilities?

EDI vulnerabilities will be addressed through school programming, as they are in all of our schools.

Will extra classrooms be locked?

One surplus classroom will be left open for the school's use. All additional surplus rooms will be locked.

Accessibility?

Accessibility upgrades will be addressed in the renovation project.

Will more windows be added in the renovation?

There will be windows added to the main atrium, gym and front of school. All classroom windows will be replaced with new fiberglass operable windows. All exterior aluminum doors will be replaced.

Will there be a public/visitors washroom?

A universal bathroom will be added to this facility and the public and visitors commonly use this washroom.

Will there be bilingual signage in the school?

This is a consideration for some areas of the school.

Happy Jesus (atrium)?

Appropriate signs of our faith will be a part of the school, including in the atrium.

PA system in childcare space?

The PA system will be new and will be installed in all of our childcare spaces to communicate lockdown announcements, etc. The childcare spaces are zoned differential to avoid hearing the school's morning announcements and regular school announcements.

School Name – Same? Change?

The school name will not change. This is Monsignor Uyen Catholic School – it's just moving to a new location.

Will there be a viewing section in gym with pullout bleachers for visitors and parents attending sports events?

There will be viewing areas at either end of the gym and at the main entrance. There are no plans to add bleachers.

What is the current enrolment at OLOF?

There are currently 350 students enrolled at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School.

Parking & Drop Off concerns – Will there be congestion in the primary side loop/parking lot?

The school will develop, communicate and implement a traffic plan that addresses parking, busing and parent pick-up/drop-off.

Athletic teams – what will that look like with Monsignor Uyen and two new builds?

The staff and school admin teams will work together to ensure sports teams are offered, as in all of our schools.

Mulch area – what to do?

The engineered fiber mulch areas provide a play surface to add natural play equipment (i.e. logs, balance beams, etc.)

Exterior lighting – Primary side?

The Board intends to add exterior pole lighting on both sides of the building. Existing flood lighting will be removed during the brick replacement project.

You can't hear the bells on some parts of the playground.

The new PA system comes with exterior horns and will be heard in every space both inside and outside the building.

Will there be air conditioning even between rooms?

The entire building will be air conditioned.

How many exit doors will there be for classrooms?

The Ontario Building Code requires one door per classroom.

Will there be mechanical upgrades to the FDK or Primary areas?

The entire building will receive a new mechanical system. Phase two addresses the north portion of the building; while phase three addresses the balance of the building.

Gym entrance – will there be interior and exterior access?

Access to the gym will be through the main entrance on the interior of the building; however, there may be a need to have an exit door in the event of a fire. The architect will confirm travel distance. This will occur during the design phase of the project and needs to be in place before obtaining a building permit.

Are the glass walls into the gym better; or can they be distracting?

Viewing areas into gyms have become common features in the design of most new schools.

How does the drop-down stage operate?

The motorized drop down stage will be operated by two staff members with keys.

What is the square footage of the drop-down stage compared with the new builds?

The drop down stages will be the same size at all facilities. The design of the drop down stage is not yet complete but the intention is that all drop down stages will have identical dimensions.